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Políticos:

Individuals in the
Political System

By Joel C. Snell

POLITICOS:

INDIVIDUALS IN A POLITICAL SYSTEM

This e-mail book is based on a collection of writings from roughly 2003 to 2013. The author tries to show how numerous and multivariate forces impinge up on an individual.

Additionally, politics is mixed into the other power forces of society such sociology, both micro and macro psychology, political science, social geography, and economics.

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THE PLOT TO KILL NIXON

_____ (2005) The plot to kill Nixon, HISTORY CHANNEL, / 7-14, 11-12:30

Samuel Byck attempted to assassinate President Richard M. Nixon about 4 months before he resigned from office.

Byck often stood in front of the White House and protested various policies of the president of the United States. He was often stopped by security, but he did not have prior arrests and was non-violent. He had the 1st amendment privileges to disagree with the highest authority in the land.

After he returned home from his various protests, he recorded his thoughts. As time went on, he decided that he could no longer tolerate the president and that he needed to be killed.

He built a home made bomb that was placed in a business attaché case. He also carried a gun. When he arrived in Baltimore, Virginia, he tried to hijack a large transport plane to Washington DC and have the plane dive into the presidential building.

To get on the plane, he shot a security guard and once on it shot one of the pilots. The plane was surrounded and other passengers had boarded. Both national and local police

would not allow the plane to be flown to its destination. One local policeman gained access to the wing of the plane and saw the would be assassin. He then shot through the plane's window pane and killed Byck.

The next day, the story was placed on page one. However, the motive of the assassin was not mentioned so that copy cat killers might not try the same thing.

We know of this only year later. What Byck did not know is the white house is bomb proof and has a bunker beneath it. Nixon could easily survive. The president went on with his daily activities.

CSPAN- LINCOLN IS NO. 1

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C-SPAN released the findings of 65 historians and related during the month of December 2008 and January 2009. They used 10 categories relative to the office of the president of the United States. C-SPAN'S last survey was in 2000. The results are:

1. ABRAHAM LINCOLN
2. GEORGE WASHINGTON
3. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
4. THEODORE ROOSEVELT
5. HARRY S. TRUMAN
6. JOHN F. KENNEDY
7. THOMAS JEFFERSON
8. DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER
9. WOODROW WILSON
10. RONALD REAGAN

Observers and those that participated in the survey emphasized how much current events flavored today's rankings. The top 5 listed above were considered the best all around presidents and the worst were Presidents BUCHANAN, JOHNSON (ANDREW) PIERCE, HARRISON, and HARDING.

GEORGE W. BUSH (43') was ranked just above the worst 5. President Clinton jumped 6 spots to # 15. Carter fell 3 ranks to 25. Reagan went up to no. 10. Iowa's Herbert Hoover remained at 34.

Perhaps the least controversial is Lincoln. He kept the country together and secondarily was an emancipator to Black slaves. However, he was a man of the times on this second issue. Although he freed the slaves, he was not for diversity, desegregation, integration or related descriptions.

Three of the most controversial is Harry S. Truman who gave permission for the bombing of Japan. Critics say he could have demonstrated to the Japanese how powerful the bomb was over an unpopulated desert. Others say that he would not then have the cover to attack and that he talked with clergyman and related before the decision was made.

The second is John F. Kennedy who was given high marks at first then fell. His return to the top is that in the 90's, the break up of the Soviet Union revealed that in Cuba during the Cuba Missile Crisis, the former USSR had nearly 40,000 troops and many more missiles than it was first thought. Thus, if war had begun, a good part of the United States on the east coast would be destroyed, but a nuclear winter could have deteriorated the rest of the country. Further, Robert Kennedy told Russian authorities that his brother the president had lost control of the military, would dump the Jupiter missiles in Turkey, and

would not attack Cuba. This appeared to seal the deal toward the survival of much of the United States. Just this year, it appears that Kennedy would or could have created a coup within Cuba after he was assassinated. If that would have come about and what that would have meant is now a moot point. It is also possible that a plan is just that and is subject to change. A generation of Americans owes their lives to Kennedy.

The third is Reagan. His most outstanding accomplishment was that broke the back of the USSR. His critics maintained that the country was going under anyway with the loss of petrol dollars and that command socialism or what is communism basically does not work. Further, he introduced and popularized supply side economics, left a 3 trillion dollar debt and encouraged de-regulation. All have contributed to the great Depression of 2008.

And so it goes.

25 PEOPLE TO BLAME FOR THIS DEPRESSION.

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TIME MAGAZINES BUSINESS EDITORS AND WRITERS RANK THE TOP 25 WHO HELP BRING DOWN THE ECONOMY OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. IT IS THEIR LIST AND NOT THAT OF SOCIALVIBES.NET/

ANGELO MOZILO President of Countrywide, the largest mortgage lender in the USA.

PHIL GRAM Former presidential candidate and the premier spokesman for deregulation.

ALAN GREENSPAN- Former head of the Federal Reserve. He was the promoter of deregulation.

CHRIS COX Head of SEC. He was a lax regulator.

AMERICAN CONSUMER- Spent more than they earned.

HANK PAULSON- He was too late and too little in handling the economic crisis.

JOE CASSANO- Founding member of AIG'S financial products unit.

IAN MC CARTHY-He was the premier promoter of sub prime mortgages.

FRANK RAINES- Big promoter of sub-prime mortgages.

KATHLEEN CORBET- She ran the largest rating agency that gave triple A ratings to Funny money securitization.

DICK FULD- Steered Lehman brothers into sub prime mortgages. Lehman is now gone.

MARION AND HERB SANDLER- The couple pocketed 2.3 billion when they sold their bank to Wachovia in 2006. The firm went under and was absorbed by WELLS FARGO.

BILL CLINTON- Allowed Glass- Steagal Act to die and loosened housing rules. He also as a Democratic president legitimized deregulated Capitalism.

GEORGE W. BUSH 43' He was the premier author to bring all of supply side economics to the American financial structure.

STAN O'NEAL Allowed Merrill Lynch to load up on 41 billion dollars of sub prime loans.

WEN JIABO- Help create China as the biggest owner of USA treasury bills.

DAVID LEREAH- He regularly trumpeted the infallibility of housing. That the industry would never crater.

JOHN DEVANEY- Made huge amounts of money on shaky hedge funds.

BERNIE MADOFF- Created the biggest Ponzi scam in the USA.

LEW RANIERI- His mortgage boom inflated Wall Streets bottom line.

BURTON JABLON- His shows pump up the real estate market.

SANDY WEILL- Help Shatter Glass- Steagall.

DAVID ODDSSON- Iceland's economy is a basket case because of him.

JIMMY CAYNE- He help Bears Stearns head to the bottom.

As you know, there are many more, but these folks stand out to TIME as the worst. The tremendous growth and luxury experienced by some and felt by many was thought by others as to good to be true.

In our portfolio, we stayed with very conservative investments and did not lose a dime. Perhaps, we were lucky fools. In a few years, Obama will be blamed for all of this, because he did not get us out of the depression in record time.



IS OBAMA A SOCIALIST?

(NUMEROUS NEWS SOURCES)

Reality is filled with combinations, chaos, and contradictions. On this date, President Obama was asked if he was a socialist? All last summer, he was labeled a socialist because Sen. John McCain did not feel that he could defend supply side libertarian capitalism.

So when the name calling started today which is what is happening now. Rep Mc. Henry (R. North Carolina) told THE NATIONAL JOURNAL that the name calling will continue to drive down the Democrats poll numbers. So the word socialism pops up. Most Americans are not very informed about ideologies or political beliefs after the McCarthy era. Sen. Joe McCarthy of Wisconsin, a Republican wanted to usher in "Americanism." What that meant was not entirely clear, but it would be a country without consumer groups, collective bargaining, and first amendment privileges. What was good for General Motors was good for America. (That is not being said right now.)

After Ronald Reagan had finished office, he was able to put the word LIBERALISM and SOCIALISM in the same league with CHILD MOLESTOR. Here is what socialism can mean: COMMAND SOCIALISM is what one would define as hard line top down public ownership of banks, farms, and most everything else. Before Marx died, he distanced himself from this by saying "I am not a Marxist." The Hard Left's general premise is that humans can be improved by changing them environmentally. That is they can be re-socialized to be more helpful to others and more egalitarian. The Hard Right's premise is that some humans can be changed socially but much of the population is beyond change. Thus, they must be exterminated or made into work slaves. The Hard Left emphasized environmental change and the Hard Right on population selection and extermination or Social Darwinism.

As we march to the present what we see is that the HARD RIGHT AND LEFT has merged. Communist China and Russia became fascists or HARD RIGHT. Further, for the last 30 years or so the country that appeared to have the most efficient and successful system was Capitalist United States. Americans usually attach capitalism with democracy.

With the crash of the economy here in the USA and its ripples throughout the world, the political center is moving into the center. How long the conservative America will stay there is up to the voices of the future.

As the Left hardened, Marxist became Marxist revisionist and later revisionists. That is they accepted the basis of capitalism and wanted that there to be supports for workers who are cast aside or whose wages have been driven downward. So the next movement was called DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISM. That means that strategic industries would become public property. They were also called Fabians. Or, as the Right likes to say, it is creeping socialism.

When we look around the world, DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISM has also faltered. In some places it works better than others. However, the United Kingdom found that LABOUR PARTY when they offered socialism it worked for awhile and then failed. The public owned telephone company and related industries were very inefficient and Margaret Thatcher privatized them. It worked better. Brits had their protections from capitalism and yet capitalism could thrive.

So Tony Blair created NEW LABOUR. That means that the Left would be a capitalist party with socialist protections. That is called SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC CAPITALISM, SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISM, MIXED ECONOMIES, or NEO-SOCIALISM. In other words, the Socialist did not want to be left out in the sweep of history. In other words, a Socialist party among western democracies may argue for smaller government if necessary and a tax cut. They look to capitalism as the engine of growth and socialism for protection of workers and consumers.

As this is being written, the Right in the USA appears to be awash in chaos. The leader of the party appears to be a radio commentator. For those of you in other countries, Rush Limbaugh is a very popular radio personality. He appears to be the leader of the party of the Right..

This is very unusual. The RIGHT is usually strong in both good and bad times. However, Obama is running as a centrist in a predominantly capitalist country. Workers now make less in real wages since the early 70's and now they work longer than even the Japanese.

Obama is a Left wing capitalist. His efforts are to create a system with new energy, new workforce education, 21st century regulations on banking and industries. His efforts at the moment are to bring about financial stability. However, he can not or has not given a sentence or two description of what he is doing. What is known is the local banks appear to be in acceptable shape and if a bank is going under the FDIC an organization financed by all private banks, waits for the bank to close, and then moves in. By morning, the bank is viable again, and has been sold to another bank.

However, the big national private lending banks are not so protected or regulated. Thus, some must die and others remain. They could all be completely stopped from receiving support, if that happened, like the Lehman brothers bank it could create a global meltdown of banks, factories, and workers. In other words, if my sources are correct, the Republicans don't mean it, but they know that it sells.

However, Obama needs to explain that each bank must go through a stress test and the worst banks must die. Further, it must be done carefully. A public/private organization stops a bad bank and quickly sells the good assets to the other banks. That is the rub. It may take 2 years or more to kill the toxic assets or funny money created by supporters of the RIGHT.

In the end, Obama needs to go with a Bad Bank policy or temporarily nationalize all the big banks and get rid of the bad financial products and re-privatize the banks. Here is the big question, do you want banks without regulations, strict regulations, or public ownership?

The first is libertarian capitalism, the second is social democratic capitalism and the third is the 20th century socialism. I believe that the banks and the president will choose the center choice. Libertarians would argue that a private bank with public regulations is a nationalized bank. Okay. You go to a bank without regulations and protection for depositors and I go to one with the protections.

We have a socialist in the U.S. Senate it is Bernard Sanders from a state in New England. When he describes socialism, he talked about Iceland. The majority of industries and everything else is capitalist. However, protections are put in place that the Neo-socialist can claim it. Denmark is thought to be socialist. It is really social democratic capitalism. Denmark in last year's measure was the second most efficient country in the world. Those out of work get 80% pay and must go to another job after being retrained.

Obama lives in a political culture that would not allow that. Further, if he is to survive, he must create capitalist-public sector tools to save us from ruin. It has to have a name and two sentence description.

HE HAS BEEN PRESIDENT (AS THIS IS WRITTEN) FOR SIX WEEKS.

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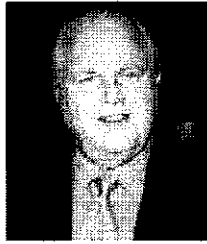
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Our best days are ahead of us says WARREN BUFFET, the premier financier. You can invest with integrity and take your time with the results. They will get bigger on balance over time. You must know your products that you are interested in.

Buffet lost the most money this year and says that this is expected. When forced to choose, I will not trade even a night's sleep for the chance of extra profits.

The largest and latest bubble is treasury bonds. Avoid them. The investment world has gone from under pricing risk to over pricing risk. Stay steady and avoid fads. If something is too good to be true, it really is a sham.

RUSH LIMBAUGH



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David Frum is the author on this essay. He has excellent conservative credentials which he establishes at the beginning. After that, he states that Rush Limbaugh and Barack Obama have one thing in common. Both want Rush to be the titular head of the Republican Party.

I have been following politics directly or indirectly since 1948. I have never seen the Republican Party so disorganized and leaderless. The USA is a conservative country and in my life, outwardly they seem to be in accord. In 1964, there were terrible divisions, but by 1968, the party was over for the Democratic Party. Most of the elections since then have been won by the Republicans. So, to see this disarray, in the Tory party is just short of unbelievable.

Alas, the party is leaderless and for the most part, the moderates of the Republicans are not welcome in the coalition. I easily recall 1968 as if it was yesterday. To be brief, the party was the sponsor of many unpopular measures and divided about the Vietnam War. Under Jimmy Carter, we had a terrible stag-flation where inflation was rising as was unemployment. Keynesianism as an economic policy was suspect. However, under Carter and early Reagan, Paul Volker head of the Federal Reserve raised interest rates to 21%.

Within 18 months to 2 years, America went through a considerable recession. However, it was not as bad as what we are experiencing now. Or, what appears to be happening now. So, Keynesianism was justified in modified form. However Ronald Reagan triumphantly introduced Supply side economics. If the very rich were less taxed they would spend more on innovation and we would all be better off. Further, if the financial and business structure had less red tape and over sight, this policy would ignite huge explosions of prosperity.

Reagan was able to cut taxes and increase spending and left a 3 trillion dollar debt in 1988 dollars. The Democratic Party continued on losing nearly every election. They tried numerous strategies and they all failed except for President Clinton. However, his 8 years of prosperity was of a pro-business kind and his personal life and lovers left the party

defeated. George Bush 43' lost to Al Gore by 500,000 votes. However for those of you from overseas, we have an electoral college and there Bush won. Further, the final straw was that the Supreme Court judged the race for Bush in a 5-4 decision.

Bush moved as if he had a huge triumph into large tax cutting and war making. Further, his stewardship was called into doubt particularly in the second term. The Republicans lost big in 06' and 08' at the time of this writing, the Democratic Party has a sizable majority in the House, but not in the Senate. They usually need a couple of Republicans to make law. One seat in the Minnesota is still contested. Obama does not have the majorities like those of FDR.

Knowing what it is like to lose in 68' and most years since, the Democratic Party has become very pragmatic. On the other hand, the Republican Party has been tarnished by history. Stag-flation of the early 80's is nothing like now. We have discovered that supply side does not truly grow the economy and deregulation leads to graft and greed. Or, Keynesianism is not as bad as Supply-side economics.

After the fall come the fighting words of Rush Limbaugh. He is an excellent speaker. His rhetoric is full bombast and is a wonderful fighting song for an audience of 15 to 20 million mainly White males. Limbaugh has had the courage or foolishness to say that he hopes that President Obama or Obama's policies fail. That means that the Recession-Depression continues on for a long, long time.

From is saying that this is disastrous for the long ruling party. Limbaugh's personality, portal body, and life style are the Anti-Obama. The comparison and it is repeated is good for the Democrats. He also has made statements about Obama's race. Further, Limbaugh is not an elected official, the more off the wall his remarks, the more popular is his program. Elected officials can not be so blunt. A few have questioned him and have paid dearly for it. They have called in to his show to apologize. Limbaugh is not only a punster, but is papal in power.

Limbaugh basic message is that if you do not agree with him, you do not belong as a conservative or for that matter a member of the Republican Party. What has been happening is that the Democratic Party has grown into moderation. They have dropped many unpopular issues that helped the Republicans. On the whole, the country up to the Crash of October 6th was conservative. It still is, but has leaned to the middle.

Obama's winning ways and the moderate vibrations that he exudes can not hurt the party. That does not mean that Democrats are the dominant party. They are a coalition of many who act as an overlay of a very conservative first world country. The coalition may break soon or last for awhile, but it is a country lying in wait for the next conservative. Limbaugh's extremes keep pushing that majority away.

THE NATURAL: BILL CLINTON

Klein, Joe (2002) THE NATURAL New York: Doubleday, 230 pages

President Bill Clinton was probably one of the best campaigners in American history. He raised the hopes of followers and the anger of his opposition. His first 2 years were probably the worst in American history. He left office and all were at the time disappointed. The Left felt that he did not deliver and the Right were angry that they could impeach him but not convict him. Right wing talk show hosts secretly relished the election of Clinton and may feel the same way about Hillary if she runs. It was 8 years of soap opera.

However, on paper, he left behind a centrist record. He saved social security, provided for income tax relief on the working poor, raised taxes on the rich, and provided more money in his budget that went to the middle and the bottom than if a Republican were in office. He was involved in 2 wars without a lot American casualties. Along with much of the military, he was hesitant to become involved in a land war that could easily turn into a guerilla war with high casualties and essentially no exit strategy. His numbers were never as low as his predecessor or successor. He appointed 2 Supreme Court justices of moderate persuasion. Government at the federal level was smaller than when he came in. He introduced U.S. citizens to the benefits and downturns of a post industrial economy. NAFTA passed under his leadership. He left office with the deficit in the surplus.

However, his personal life was a disaster. Time that could have been spent on political coalitions and fence mending was spent on controlling the media on his sexual adventures. His last days were as bad as his first days. He signed too many pardons and some very questionable ones at that.

However, if you want to draw a crowd, you tell your local candidate to get Bill Clinton and the place will be overloaded. Packed. One night on David Letterman he owned the room his charisma and vast knowledge on nearly every subject kept the audience rapt with attention.

When you vote for Elvis, you get Elvis with a Mensa intellect.

THE KENNEDY PAPERS

LEGACYOFSECRECRACY

Waldron, L & T. Hartman (2008) *Legacy of secrecy: the long shadow of the JFK assassination*, Berkeley: Counterpoint Publishers. 848 pages.

This is a conspiracy book of encyclopedic length. It is not only large but printed in small type. The organization of the book and even on some pages, information is given too rapidly and overwhelmingly. In preparation for this perhaps around my 100th published book reviews, I looked at how others described it. Websites dealing with conspiracies indicated that it was accurate, and mainstream sources generally dismissed it or down played it. I have the feeling that most did not completely read it.

Waldron is the researcher and Hartman the writer. There is a lengthy forward and introduction to explain the book and then multiples of chapters that total over 800 pages. If one uses this as an encyclopedia like Wikipedia, perhaps it can be a very valuable beginning to the whole controversy that has generated hundreds of books and is still of interest to Americans now over 45 years ago.

The basic premise of the book is that the mob killed JFK and there were more than 2 shooters. The Dallas trip was the third attempt on his life. It was covered up because Americans would blame the then USSR in the midst of the Cold War. Others had a part to play, but it was the mob that was extremely angry with Kennedy. When Castro took over Cuba, a good deal of the country was owned by the mob. Later, when Kennedy refused to provide air cover for a very flawed Bay of Pigs, the mob was in rage. Kennedy said "no" many times because air cover meant that the USA was preemptively attacking Cuba and it would break the cover that the USA had nothing to do with this citizen's revolt. If you are reading this and remember that time, he saved your life because Cuba had 40,000 trained Soviets ready to fight as well as numerous rockets and missiles.

However, a new source of information was that Kennedy was prepared to go to war with Cuba just after he was assassinated. This information was revealed in 2005. However, the quality of the material and its authenticity must be reviewed. Why would Kennedy go back to Cuba? The Cuban Missile Crisis really indicated that Robert Kennedy told the Soviets that JFK had lost control of the military, would give up the Jupiter's in South East Europe, and generally had received high marks for keeping us out of Cuba.

The book then indicates that once JFK was successfully killed. It gave the "hidden government" of spooks and thieves permission to kill Dr. King and RFK.

In another new book by Talbot called *THE BROTHERS*. Kennedy was an artificial cold warrior. He talked the game, but didn't like the thought of killing what is called

“collateral damage.” That being the majority of a population that just wants to get on with their lives and that Castro felt that he was not going to be killed by Kennedy.

LEGACY gets mixed reviews and THE BROTHERS gets high praise. This reviewer favors the second book with its new interviews and professional writing and likes LEGACY as a source book to check various individuals by starting with the index. LEGACY is too long and covers too much material relative to RFK and KING for a complete read except for hard core readers on this subject.

LEGACY also has a web site to flesh out some of the thousands of sources listed in the back. It is a necessary book for the Kennedy collection and for those who want to have all the books on this subject. I have 20 or so and found LEGACY a good place to begin, but differ with their conclusions. In 2017, all the material will be released. I doubt that will happen. President Clinton once in office asked an assistant to find out who killed Kennedy. He did not get any answer at all. You know the drill.

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We have a National Deficit of Leadership. We have gone through cycles before in American history and we are in one now. This last confidence crisis has lasted at least 4 decades and was first noted by John Gardner. He said that when the USA was founded and had 3 million we had plenty of leaders including Washington, Jefferson, Franklin, Adams, Madison, Hamilton and others. Where are they now Gergen asks? If you try to act as a leader, you confront the blogosphere. However, there is more here.

Before Vietnam, there were many leaders of quality. It was a time that was far from ideal, such as McCarthyism and Dallas. However, the overall mood was more positive. Where are the likes of Truman, Marshall, Eisenhower and Kennedy?

This is begging the question. We need them and we hope they shall arise.

(This issue introduces many potential new leaders.) A number of new leaders were presented in numerous areas of the world of work.

Heilemann, J & Mark Halperin (2010) *Game change*, New York: Harper Collins 448 pages

Introduction:

As this is being written, Game Change is the #1 best seller of the week. Sales have been so good this reviewer had to wait for a second printing.

Lead up:

This allegedly is the inside story of the election of 2008. What makes it historic is that a bi-racial Black man is elected to head the United States of America. He will inherit the worst recession since the 30's, two wars, and a pandemic. The stock market is falling and so is the morale of the country. The president is very unpopular and thought to be a little slow. The vice president is considered a very dark Darth Vader. There is much secrecy to the administration and the country is ready for change.

The cast:

Sarah Palin. Governor Palin of Alaska is given a very short vetting and the lowest hanging fruit of political malpractice indicates that she is okay. She arrives and is hailed as the new, new conservative. She is a tremendous stump speaker, but has trouble with fundamental questions about American politics. She soon struggles through the contest and is guided by 3 by 5 cards and handlers. She is sent to small media markets. To prepare for the debate, she is overwhelmed with information not obtained from college or her work as a newscaster on Alaska television. She finally prepares with rote memory cards in which she excels. She may struggle with mid east policy but a short obtuse answer followed with segues to more comfortable subjects do her well.

She will be the possible vice president of the United States. She is the "two Sarahs." In public she is bubbly and engaging. Back at the hotel room, she is totally flummoxed and almost catatonic with eyes staring straight to the floor. Handlers start asking psychiatrists to look at her from a distance to see if there is real pathology. In the end, the McCain ticket is probably helped by her because she draws the crowds.

John McCain. He is the soldier's soldier. He was held in captivity for a great deal of time in Vietnam. He came out alive and ready for action. The tenacity to survive in those pre-modern conditions do not serve him well in a modern campaign. He screams and shouts and terrorizes his campaign staff to the point that there is not much that they can do right. When the crash market really hits, he forces President Bush to hold a conference at the White House. He is on the phone, next minute he is pacing the floor , and later cringing as a love interest that goes back to 1999 pops up. She is a lovely young intern.

The stock market crash summit is held at the White House. McCain said very little and Obama shines. Bush is surprised by the disorganization of McCain. He quickly ends the summit and emphasizes the need to get the group to energize the Republican congress to support a bank bail out to calm the fears of investors here and around the world. This is a high point for Bush.

In the debates, McCain clobbers Obama in front of evangelicals, but loses the 3 debates in front of the world. He is smart, but does not prepare for the debates.

Joe Biden. Biden ran for president in the late 80's but was forced to drop out when he plagiarized a speech from a prominent politico in the United Kingdom. He improved his brand by doing his work for the next two decades. He commutes to the capitol from a tram from Delaware. He really knows how to put his foot in his mouth. There are too many examples to cite. At any rate, he let some of the press know that he thought that Obama would not be as good of president as he could be. Obama hears it. He freezes out Biden through most of campaign and puts him in small markets. Biden knows that he blew it, but cannot go to the phone and apologize.

As he prepares for the vice president's debate his job is not to be smarmy and elitist. He is not to look at Governor Palin. He prepares to show the electorate that he really knows both national and international policy but not to show it. Governor Palin's job is to appear that she knows more than she does, but is not able to reveal all of it in the debate due to time restraints. She does not lose overwhelmingly and Joe has learned to keep his mouth monitored. The overnight insta-polls give it to Biden. He also finally makes the call and tells Obama that he is sorry.

Hillary Clinton. She is prepared to win in Iowa which takes on incredible importance for all the candidates. She plans to kill off most of the competitors in Iowa and put them in their graves in New Hampshire. She is talking with consultants about the inauguration and has plans for the what the White House will look like. On the campaign trail, she begins to get second thoughts when all these college students and regulars are everywhere. (In my caucus, there were more Obama supporters, then all the other candidates combined.) Hillary gets 3rd place.

Then comes the long tedious slog to the nomination and Clinton grits her teeth and keeps fighting until she has lost. She repairs to Chappaqua and relents then accepts Obama's offer as Secretary of State.

John Edwards. When he first got to the senate, he was down to earth. Then success spoiled him. He was the vice presidential candidate in 2004. According to the authors, his wife continually belittled him especially in front of others. In other words, she was a piece of work of which her cancer mellowed her for awhile. She would be the first to let you know that he didn't read a book. At any rate, as this is being written, his career in politics appears to be over and he is getting a divorce. His colleagues came to think of him as a suit that was less than authentic. Within a month of the primaries, he was out but got 2nd in Iowa.

And now we have the president of the United States, Barack Obama.

Many of his sins were discussed in 2 bestselling books so he was monitored the least. His wife really wanted him to stay in the senate, he went on to be president. He comes off as cool and even tempered, but it appears sometimes to be cold. Again at this time, his presidency may be at the bottom as a whole year has been spent on a health care plan without much success and a lot of horse trading. He created a utopian vision, but one cannot have Camelot again. To see Oprah Winfrey and Jessie Jackson crying in the rain as he spoke at the end of the election still means that there has to be a morning after. And so it goes.

Obama slogged into the winners circle and has fought ever since on huge projects demanded by the times. However, folks want jobs. Obama was trying to get votes on a health care plan. History is yet to be written.

Heilemann and Halperin have written a book without sources. Hundreds talked with them on the basis on anonymity. For this reviewer, there was too much trash. I know that elites still get out of bed one foot at a time. That some of their work is less than saintly. It is just that I cannot see that the public will want all of this in the future. Or will they? The authors come with credentials and from upscale publishers, but given my age, I long for a Teddy White book on the MAKING OF THE PRESIDENT. He told us enough about private lives of the political establishment, but not enough to sully the democratic process. This is a good book that is well written. I don't know how much is valid or truthful, but I came away with the incredible feeling that to go into politics is a hard time on a long and winding road called life.

JFK ASSASSINATION

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40 YEARS LATER

GOING BACK IN TIME TO SAVE THE WORLD

If JFK was assassinated by a conspiracy and yet the cover up prevailed as did social order, then the government's activity right after his death saved us from a third world war.

If we could go back, we would want to tell LBJ that social order transcends validity. On the other hand, the events that transpired after that late November day began the end of America's trust in its government.

PERFECT STORM

We will explore two traditions. One is the "perfect storm scenario." This suggests that a single disorganized individual terminated the president. That everything fell into place so that he could make history. The other is the "typical hit" scenario. It implies that more than one person was involved and the last person in the chain of order is a loose canon who kills and then is killed. Oswald is the fall guy.

An excellent site to suggest that on balance, President Kennedy's death was committed by one person is the [JFK/ASSASSINATION WEB SITE](#). Gerald Posner's book *CASE CLOSED*, the 40th anniversary accounts by ABC and PBS are others. The most watched and exciting was "Kennedy Assassinated; Beyond Conspiracy" Peter Jennings (ABC News) There findings suggest that the FBI, CIA, Cubans or others were not involved. Governor Connolly was not injured by a magic bullet, rather sat in a jump seat 3 " lower than JFK and the governor was turned toward the president. Lead was found in his body. There was a conspiracy to keep social order and sloppy work, but Oswald was alone. PBS had similar remarks.

New York Times/Discovery report that in Gerald Posner's *CASE CLOSED* is that both Oswald and Ruby were unstable individuals. Oswald wanted to make history and Ruby was a mob reject. Ruby was in the police station, because he was always there. Kennedy was shot from the back and his head could have moved in either direction from the impact of the bullet.

Discovery station's "JFK: Death in Dealy Plaza" draws from all the photographs taken that November day in the plaza. There were 30 photographs from 500 people. For the show, 23 photographs were used. Most utilized inferior cameras, wrong settings, and film. However, all film appears to indicate that most after the shooting headed for the grassy knoll. Zapruder described his film at 2:35 on CBS television the same day as the shooting. His film ends

right before the grassy knoll is shown. Their conclusion is the Oswald likely acted alone. If there was a conspiracy, it was brilliantly done and the predators were extremely fortunate.

Iowa City pathologist, Dr. Karl Rose believed the Warren Report, but said the autopsy was botched. Although it was started at Parkland Hospital, it was completed in the Bethesda Naval Hospital. There 2 medical administrators did their best to assess the pathology but were watched and monitored by the secret service. Rose was at Parkland hospital the day of the assassination.

The JFK /ASSASSINATION WEB SITE appear to do an excellent job tracking down eyewitnesses. They describe a number who either made up stories or replaced their original stories with over versions to become a footnote in history. Other relevant questions are answered on this page.

TYPICAL HIT

Much of this discussion comes from numerous conspiracy books and the History Channel's, THE MEN WHO KILLED KENNEDY. Essentially, these are some of the highlights.

+ Numerous windows were left opened at the Dallas Book Depository. This leaves an opportunity for an assassin to kill a target. The Secret Service should have had all the windows closed before Kennedy rode past the building. This is not to suggest the Secret Service wanted to get rid of the president, but rather their efforts were modest in regards to this security issue.

+ The first reporter from the leading Dallas paper perceived that the shots came from the Dal-Tex building near the Depository building. She reported that shots came from behind and to the right of the Depository building. The first issue of the paper reported such.

After the official report had the bullets coming from the book building, the newspaper changed its story.

+ An amateur photographer took pictures of the Kennedy killing right across from the grassy knoll. Her film was confiscated and not returned to her by the Secret Service.

+ One young serviceman standing by the fence, felt bullets go by him from behind and toward the president. He quickly left the scene and in 3 days was in Alaska on duty. He did not make his report until much later.

+A deaf mute watched a "hit man" fire from the bridge located in front of the Kennedy car heading in the direction of the structure. The offender was near an electric terminal, disengaged his rifle, placed it in his jacket or coat and walked away from the scene.

+Most report that the majority, but not all, headed for the grassy knoll after the shooting.

+A surgical assistant from Bethesda that was in the autopsy, said the work was done by

modestly experienced administrators and monitored by the Secret Service.

+ On Larry King Live, "They tried to save JFK" all the remaining pathologists from Parkland said the body was taken over by the government and they did not voluntarily want to give the body to the Secret Service. One said that Governor Connolly had been stripped and moved earlier and no one saw the "pristine" bullet."

+ Joseph Califano, who served with LBJ, maintains that both the president and himself believed that Castro had Kennedy killed. His memoirs are in *A PUBLIC AND A PRIVATE LIFE* (Public Affairs, 2004.) *TIME*, 4/12/2004. Thus, Castro's role appears to be some where in the chaos of the assassination itself and the cover up was believed to be necessary.

CONCLUSION

Everyone has a right to make their own judgment about what happened that day. However, some interpretations are more equal than others. That applies to this author.

Although interested in the topic and have read a great deal about it, I am a lesser interpreter of the past. The reader's value of my conclusions must take this into account. They are:

- Oswald shot and killed President Kennedy.
- Oswald may have acted alone, but there were probably others. If they acted with Oswald, independent of Oswald or co-terminously, is hard to say. Many may have been in the plaza or along the parade route trying to do the same thing that Oswald was doing, but did not succeed. There may have been other attempts, but they were thwarted and remain outside the public's knowledge. Nearly every president has one or more who want to terminate him or her. Kennedy was killed. Reagan was shot. Truman received a near miss as did President Ford. Thus, Oswald was probably not alone in his pursuit of JFK.
- There was a cover up. The cover up was done to preserve social order because LBJ believed that Castro had Kennedy killed. A commission was picked to give legitimacy to the report. Witnesses were hand picked. The report was rushed to calm the public. Most who differ in their opinion of what happened agree that the cleansing of the facts was done because it was devious or because it was necessary, but it was done.

This author suggests that the perfect storm scenario is less likely than the typical hit.

However, all the specific details will probably never be resolved. One can not underestimate the importance of blaming Oswald exclusively and not fingering Castro

The Bay of Pigs war, the Cuban missile crisis and a number of other events sandwiched into a cold war atmosphere could have triggered a major war. Millions could have been killed over the assassination. In his first interview right after JFK's death, Robert Kennedy thought that his Operation Mongoose, a hit squad established by him to kill Castro turned on the

Kennedys and may have killed JFK. There are numerous other scenarios.

The judgment of this author is that Oswald did the killing, probably not alone (directly or indirectly), and was covered up. The remaining details will be left to the ages.

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VENTURA (REVISED)

Ventura, J with D. Russell (2010) American Conspiracies, New York: Skyhorse Publishers

228 pages.

INTRODUCTION

This big bestseller is a popular account of some conspiracies in American history. The division of labor on this book is Mr. Ventura is both former Governor of Minnesota and entertainer. The voice of the book is his, the research is probably that of Russell. Ventura also made a series out of this for Tru TV.

This book review essay is to present Gov. Ventura and Mr. Russell's interpretation of what happened as opposed to perhaps other sources. In other words, If I possibly can, will try to compliment/ or refine the theories. The time spent on this is because so much has been shuffled to the conspiracy corner. The trust in the government, industry, and among each other is quite low and thus conspiracies make sense, but are they accurate? Even in some of the worst countries in terms of popular participation, complicated bad things happen that were without conspiratorial causes.

Ventura's introduction indicates that he is trying to show the reader that the lone nut theory may be valid, but often it is not. The rest of the introduction is an overview of the book.

Each chapter is very organized around INCIDENT/ OFFICIAL WORD/ HIS TAKE/ EXPLANATION/ AND WHAT ONE CAN DO NOW.

CHAPTER ONE. LINCOLN ASSASSINATION

John Wilkes Booth who shot President Lincoln was part of a vast Confederacy plot that started in the south and went all the way to Canada. You may get an account on Wikipedia which is now refereed. It supports Ventura's position. He maintains that 8th grade history books describe Booth pretty much as a lone nut. I was able to find my 8th grade history book THIS IS AMERICA'S STORY (1954) by Wilder, Ludlum, and Brown, Cambridge, Massachusetts: Houghton, Mifflin Company.

My history book says(396) "Booth had decided to kill Lincoln and urged his friends to kill others in the administration." That's it. My history book may be an outlier, but it could be representative and Ventura is correct.

CHAPTER TWO. PRESCOTT BUSH TO KILL FDR

Big money crowd of conservatives lead by Prescott Bush conspired to kill FDR in 1934. Prescott is the father of Bush 41' and grandfather of Bush 43' The rest of the group are famous names of the

wealthy back then and today. They appointed a General Butler to organize the plot. Butler was ousted by the New York Times. The headlines made Butler look foolish but the details were on the back pages and later acknowledgements amounted to indicating that Butler was probably right. That the wealthy old money wanted a Fascist dictatorship in the USA.

The official history is that Giuseppe Zangara a loner of sorts tried to kill

FDR but without success. The other plot is not mentioned in Wikipedia or other sources. Official history denies that Bush was a Nazi supporter.

CHAPTER THREE. JFK ASSASSINATION

Kennedy was killed by a hit man on the grassy knoll. The police-military wings of the American government conspired to kill the president and blame it on Cuba. There were 2 Oswalds. The real one and a double were used in the plot. The 2 Oswalds come from another book by Armstrong, J. (2003)Harvey and Lee , Arlington, Texas: Qasar Ltd.

The Official versions are so well known by now. A slow depressed individual named Lee Harvey Oswald killed the president from a window in the Dallas School Textbook Deposit building. He was caught and inadvertently killed by a small time hood named Jack Ruby a strip joint

owner.

The thousands of books on this issue say something with this premise. Lee Harvey Oswald acted with at least one other person. From there, numerous theories expand.

Ventura's approach I believe is a minority one and don't see it as viable conspiracy theory as others. Official history does not acknowledge this theory. Oswald worked alone. So again a lone nut killed a famous individual that may have profoundly changed history.

CHAPTER FOUR . MALCOM X ASSASSINATION

Ventura describes this as a CIA-FBI plot to kill Malcolm X and to stop him from forming an alliance with Dr. Martin Luther King.

Official history indicates that the above is possible, but the killing is

likely to have been an internal struggle between differing wings of the

Nation of Islam. Recently Thomas Hayer was released as the killer of

Malcom X.

CHAPTER FIVE . DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING

The author sees King being killed by forces in the Right Wing, the mob, and the military. Killers were located in shrubs right across from the Lorraine Motel. James Earl Ray was the "fall guy" or patsy.

The shrubs were torn down during the night after the assassination. In a hurried fashion, the terrain changed and most likely killer became Mr. Ray.

Numerous commissions and studies indicate that Ray had a very poor rifle and the bullets that he shot were not the ones that killed Dr. King.

The man holding the bloody Dr. King as he was dying had infiltrated the organization and worked for the CIA. The latest is that a local Black minister a Rev. Wilson killed King. He thought King was a communist.

Thus, the government was not involved. It was a lone nut name Mr. Ray or another named Rev. Wilson.

CHAPTER SIX . SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY

Senator Kennedy's killer was hypnotized and programmed to kill by the CIA. There were 13 bullets, Sirhan had only 8. Kennedy's security man shot the senator right behind the back of his head. Further there may have been another one or two shadowy figures.

The official response is that Senator Robert F. Kennedy was killed by a Palestinian immigrant who was opposed to Kennedy's support of Israel.

Again a lone nut killed the senator.

However, there have been studies supporting the number of bullets fired and the trajectory coming from directly behind Senator's head. Beyond that, there is little else that matches up. A prominent pathologist strongly indicates that Kennedy died from a bullet directly

behind his head. Sirhan probably did not do that. So Ventura has some value here.

CHAPTER SEVEN . WATERGATE CONSPIRACY

The CIA got to Nixon because he was trying to find out who killed JFK.

Thus, the break-in would be the catalyst for the downfall of Nixon. Ventura is borrowing here from Alderman's THE ENDS OF POWER.

This is footnoted in the NOTES at the end of book.

The official sources indicate the following.

The President empowered a number of operatives to break into the Democratic Party's headquarters to get secret information that Nixon and GOP could use. They were caught. Nixon resigned. Ventura appears off on this, but he does suggest alternative in terms of what the President wanted. It had something to do with dealings of both parties and the billionaire recluse Howard Hughes.

CHAPTER EIGHT. JONESTOWN MASSACRE

The CIA murdered most of the members to hide a mind control experiment according to Ventura.

The official is that after Congressman Ryan and aides were killed.

leaders in Jonestown knew that the USA would send troops. Thus,

nearly everyone was killed. Jonestown was a mix of Christianity and a rigid form of Soviet Communism. Ventura may have missed this one. He said that it was made by the CIA to look like a mass suicide. Only a few of the bodies were autopsied.

CHAPTER NINE . THE "OCTOBER SURPRISE"

Right after President Reagan was inaugurated, the hostages in Iran were released. The previous President James Earl Carter tried for months to get them released. Ventura indicates that the release was timed so that Reagan could win. Even though, the election was over, it would have helped Carter if he could have gotten them back. Ventura believes Gary Sick a prominent official in a previous Republican administrations indicated that the Reagan people had the release delayed until they were in office.

The official version is that the hostages timing release was coincidental.

Many mainstream sources appear to support Ventura.

CHAPTER TEN IRAN-CONTRA

Ventura indicates that the CIA is involved in drug trafficking all over the world for numerous reasons. The official version is that President Reagan sold weapons to Iran to get money to fund the fight against the Nicaraguan Contras. The money was needed because it was not officially funded by Congress. Ventura indicates that the biggest drug merchant in the world is large American banks.

The official version is that there was a trade of guns for hostages and money, but that it was difficult to connect President Reagan to the transactions.

Ventura may step too far with American banks as major drug dealers.

CHAPTER ELEVEN. REPUBLICANS STOLE ELECTIONS OF 2000 AND 2004.

Bush lost the popular vote in 2000 but won the electoral vote. Florida was the deciding state. Sources indicate that many potential Democratic voters were turned away or had ballots that were poorly constructed. Further electronic machines at the time could be manipulated to help Bush against Kerry in 2004.

This is fairly mainstream and his filled with controversy and related matters. All are possible, but the official word is that however imperfect, Bush won the races.

Ventura believes that Republicans fixed the election. This may be true, but it is not recognized as such. Bush won the election. Gore in 2000 made perhaps the most inspiring speech to unite the country in indicating that he had lost the elections and yet society must go on.

CHAPTER TWELVE. 9/11

4 large transport planes were taken over by terrorists of Arabic descent. One plane ran into

Towers 1 and another into Tower 2.

A third plane ran into the Pentagon and a 4th plane was stopped by passengers who overcame the terrorists and fell to the ground in

Pennsylvania.

According to Ventura, Dick Cheney told NORAD and its fighter jets to stand down. So the targets remained vulnerable. Three buildings Tower 1, 2, and 7 fell .

This one is not settled. Most of the mainstream sources indicate that a conspiracy did not cause the killings. I also believe that the black boxes were not indicated that they had been discovered. However, the boxes were

or are in the possession of the authorities. So I was wrong.

For this one, Ventura may be off the mark, but not completely wrong. This one still needs more time.

CONCLUSION

Ventura writes an exciting book, but it may be filled with some inaccuracies. Mediaticritic

ranks the book some

where in the middle of their ranking system.

CAUTION

If you are in a momentous and catastrophic

situation of an assassination or related, quietly move away from it. Do not volunteer information.

If you have a camera phone, give copies to at least 2 networks so that what you have may go through. Do not identify yourself. What you have may be worth a lot of money. However, you may be fearful for your life for the rest of the time that you are here on earth.

There are a number of things that may be done or said of you. First, you are mentally ill. Second, your camera may be taken and never returned by authorities. Third, quietly leave the scene. You may be tied up in court for years with costly legal bill. Fourth, your brakes on your car may be

cut and you could die in an accident. Fifth, a rendition could be placed on you. You see someone that you know and they beckon you over to the car. When you get there, you are shoved into the car are never seen again.

We still live in a democracy, but it is imperfect. What you may do as a good citizen could drastically change social order. Stay quiet. Never talk about it. What you

claim not to know is far superior to what you claim to know.

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Kennedy, E. M.(2009) *True Compass* New York: 12
Hachette Book Group

In the wispy summer of 1941, the entire Kennedy family was all still alive. Then came the end of the safe harbor of an historic family. Joe died in the war, and Kathleen was lost in an air traffic incident. Rosemary was lobotomized out of reality and spent the rest of her life in a Roman Catholic retreat in Wisconsin. Within Senator Kennedy's life Jack, then David, followed by Bobby, and Michael, then Stephen Smith, Eunice, and Peter Lawford, and JFK Jr. moved on to the ages. Those names not remembered are accounted for in *True Compass*.

Much of the early part of the book reads like his mother's memoirs from years earlier. It is not the 60's that the book ends rather the later years are the most interesting. As having read many Kennedy and anti-Kennedy books, this one at least acknowledges his many foibles that are there but euphemized. He drank heavily and womanized.

"Liar!"

That came from a southern senator or member of the house, when President Obama gave his speech on the State of the Union. The man was white and he had to know race etiquette of the south. Here it is. If you are black and you are in the public arena, you don't act upidity. That means you don't act too assertive . President Obama acts white, talks white, was raised white, and is half white and is the very first Black president of the United States. He cannot show his temper.

He cannot act like Bush or Clinton. Obama said to the senator in an even tone, "Yes it is true." (Or, no I am not lying.)

So why is Obama too laid back? Why does he accept those insults from that Republican? Chuck Grassley wouldn't do that. If Obama does show his temper he has hell to pay. Since the day that he has been in office, he has acted in many ways responsibly, save one time. "Skip" Henry Louis Gates a a black scholar from Harvard University was trying to get into his own house without his keys after taking a long trip. Obviously, he forgot them. A neighbor called saying someone was trying to get in Gates house. The police were called. Gates became afraid and angry when the officer showed up and soon thereafter he was arrested. Actually, both were right. Gates thought that he was being harassed and the police officer was conducting standard operating procedure.

At the next news conference, President Obama for about 30 seconds showed his anger. Said Obama, "Skip" or Prof. Gates was treated " stupidly" by a police officer. After the conference, there was an uproar. Race matters. Obama apologized and there was a Beer summit in which the President and the Vice President along with Prof. Gates had a few beers with the Police officer on the White House lawn. Millions also watched on television.

Obama by temperament MAY be timid, but he also knows the race rules. The police officer by the way acquitted himself in a near perfect performance. A study recently, using flash pictures discovered that folks most" feared" person as rated by blacks, Asians, and whites of both sexes is a picture of a black male.

Obama has a load to carry as the first Black president. He must give 110% and have absolutely complete control of his emotions. The talk by Democrats and now former President Clinton to fight back may be correct, but Obama knows how high and how narrow is the wood plank that he walks on above the nation 24/7 365 days a year as a person of color and President of the United States.

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Matthews, Chris (2011) Jack Kennedy, Elusive Hero, New York: Simon and Schuster, 478 pages

Chris Matthews' Kennedy book as this is written is one of the top book sellers in the country. This reviewer knows not how many books have been written about this president, but there are many.

The most supportive were works by White (The Making of the President 1960 and the creation of the Camelot legend which no longer has legs) and Schlesinger (A Thousand Days.) The most critical was Seymour Hersh (Dark Side of Camelot, which was essentially destroyed by critics of all persuasions.)

On the evening of the election of Kennedy, Mathews cried. He wanted Nixon. As an Irish Catholic Republican, Mathews has moved steadily to the Left since then. He did vote for Bush 43' in

2000 and that appeared to be his last gasp with the Right

What Mathews was interested in was detail. Where others wash over or assume, he jumps. The downside are areas that most know about. The military and the CIA hated him and nearly or did take over his administration. He received a 3 day tongue lashing from Khrushchev. Although Jacqueline knew of his sex life, she still despaired. The Bay of Pigs brought international question of his talent. The legislation record is thin and historians generally rank him somewhere in the area of 15th spot of some 44 presidents.

So why bother with this president? Well, it's the people who want him on Mount Rushmore. Why? Having lived through the Cuban Missile Crisis, he saved this reviewer's life. Even though LeMay

wanted all out war as he hid in his bunker, Kennedy saved us.

Through his brother Robert, Kennedy would take the Jupiters (now aging) from a USSR border. He would not attack with military weapons. Robert said, the administration was over taken by LeMay and company and he had little time left. Both sides would be utterly destroyed.

Kennedy knew about the missiles that were in Cuba, but not the thousands of Soviet military. Since those early days in the 60's one can predict that nearly all the east coast would be destroyed and that radioactive dust would sweep over the USA in a nuclear winter. Further, strikes and counter strikes would carry over throughout the world.

However, what Mathews provides is gems not trivia. The little when added together becomes

more than the sum of the parts. Below are not placed in any order. Further, constraints on length do not allow for lots of details. Thus, the following:

1. Mother didn't particularly care for him, even when he became president.
2. Father was a Nazi sympathizer, that Kennedy continually distance himself from.
3. He was elusive because no one knew him. His compartment ling of personality was so elaborate that he could womanize and then pray daily and was an ardent attendant of Sunday masses.
4. Although he could convey a non-chalant, he was a stranger to himself and others and continually fought physical pain all of his life.
5. Although the family was close, Jack was bookish and spent much of his time alone.
6. He liked Nixon and the reverse was valid.
7. He jawboned high power CEO's to lower prices to fight for competition. This became a total surprise to both parties.
8. He worked for one of the meanest undisciplined Conservatives of the time Joe

McCarthy before he moved to the Left. 9. He shared a girl friend with a mobster. 10, Although he talked tough, he did not want a long drawn out occupation in Vietnam.

All the above is subject to controversy. There are hundreds of other insights that this reviewer had not considered. Much of this work comes from original sources, tapes, and letters. It is not one of those books that clearly comes to a conclusion. This former Republican, Mathews perceives in the end that through the gloss of an attractive man is a thoughtful one that was continually considering if one action is taken what would be the following iterations?

What was he like? No one really knew, but they could point to him as the one who saved the planet.

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The Blaine. G, and L. McCubbin (2011) Kennedy detail, New York: Simon & Schuster/ Paperback 427 pages.

Six seconds many years ago, American's innocence was ripped to shreds. President Kennedy riding in an open convertible was shot in the back of his head. How many books, movies, and related have told us that? Today, any right thinking president rides around in a tank-limousine. They still take chances shaking hands in crowds, but it is limited by the Secret Service. Let's see, Truman was almost shot, Kennedy was killed, Nixon almost knifed, Ford nearly shot, Reagan severely wounded and on and on.

The easiest to defend was Ike. He was at a time in his life when he would not bother with crowds. As a military man Agents were just that. They were non-persons who protected you.

Most military and police by many variables are order oriented Republicans. It took two days to win over some thirty agents to Kennedy Republicanism. Their first day, most were dressed in wool and were sweating in the Florida sun. Out comes the president with tons of brand new or near new short shirts. The agents got comfortable with their new apparel. He called them by their first names. If some screw ball game was going on, his buddy agents were invited. Jackie would give dresses to agents for their wives. "How were the kids?" Jacqueline called them "Mister." Jack called them over for a consultation on something. Jackie would sneak a smoke with an agent. The two children saw them as uncles.

Work became play. Ike was distant. The Kennedy's were family. At a party, a movie star would be with Jack and near an agent. Jack would introduce the agent by first name to the cinema hero. Jack may

also know where the agent originated and names of family of the agent. This stuff was the magic of the Camelot myth. Both Jack and Jacqueline would borrow money from the agents and pay back with interest. If there was room, agents sat with family. The Kennedy you saw on television was the same in person.

Quite soon for the agents, work turned into an organized form of play. The president asks you if you want a drink. The agent can not drink on the job. However, there is an incredible feeling when you are invited. Will you take a bullet for these folks? They all would.

Given that most of us have become more coarsened, if we are important, we don't drive in open cars. For conspiracy buffs, here is a new variable. Kennedy wants to touch people. In

selected areas the two agents on the back running board were told to drop back and jump off the car in certain places so folks could see the president. Everyone is a possible vote.

As the agents leave their place on the car and drop back, three bullets killed the President and wounded the Governor of Texas. Jackie reached back first to get part of her husband's brains and then the agent.

When asked to testify at the Warren Commission, all the agents lied. Kennedy did not ask to go unprotected. Of course, he did and consulted with them before hand.

Further, the first conspiracy theory by a prominent tabloid politico said that most of the agents were on a drunken binge the night before. It was a lie, but that started the hundred of various Kennedy conspiracies even up to today.

The account is told by Blaine (an agent) and a co-author and professional journalist to make this a page turner. Please remember that a great man with a thin legislative record, and yet saved the planet in the Cuban crisis is given some cover. Their president humbled himself before them and took comfort in their presence. So we don't hear much about girlfriends and recreational drugs. Each actually reaches out to say that he did not have a relationship with Marilyn Monroe. Hardened Kennedy supporters grant his human frailties and indicated that he did womanize.

The agents were stunned. The authors tell the story from the point of view of an agent name Clint Hill. He was near the president when the bullet disengaged the bottom portion of right brain. (Pictures can be seen on Google images.) All felt

guilty and given the hidden rules of presidential openness and an open convertible had to hide the facts until now.

Not one agent wasn't traumatized and it affected all of them all the rest of their life until now. You find that "Mr. Hill" goes through terrible trauma and we leave him telling his story on CBS's 60 MINUTES.

Most of the rest of the agents were transferred to President Johnson. Metaphorically, they were unsure how they left Heaven's gate to Purgatory.

LBJ was situated in the middle of nowhere in geographically rough tough area of Texas. One mistake and the President would scream. Here are hardened professional peace officers being grabbed by the lapels, shaken, and terrorized. The president's language was filthy. Regardless of

nearly everywhere and in mixed company, LBJ would pull out his penis and urinate in front of them.

The Kennedy's treated them like buddies. LBJ supervision was so foul and offensive, that it appeared that they were on "war duty." If the Kennedy's were fantastic, now they became angelic in comparison to the big tough Texan.

The remaining portions of this book talk about a time incredibly different from today. As you turn each page, you wonder how accurate it is. Was Kennedy that good? Most of us would take half of the accolades and feel like we had arrived in paradise.

However, you should make that judgment after you read the book which is now in e-book form.

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Although an intervention is not mentioned, he did stop and he met someone unlike his first shy and introspective wife, Joan. Vicki was his equal and both shared the same interest.

That is the time or approximate time, that the Senator 's life changed. Because of the length of the book, a few observations should be noted.

He makes no mention of his father's political history relative to World War II or the division between his parents. Chappaquiddick is discussed, but you may read another version from BBC in Wikipedia. In a unbelievable twist of history, he didn't leave Mary Jo Kopeckni to die. Rather, discovered her demise the next morning. He perjured, but did not kill by neglect.

He liked LBJ, was distant with Nixon but admired his intellectual talent. Ford is only mentioned briefly but warmly, but Carter is described with a great deal of ambivalence. Reagan was genial, but had a terrible time staying on topic and would drift to other mental venues.

He needed a working agenda in terms of what to do when he was given an itinerary in the morning. Most was written by his wife.

Bush 41 he found a colleague, but was distant to Bush 43's when Leave No Child Behind passed, but was unfunded by 43's administration.

Clinton and Obama were like brothers. His death and funeral mass got heavy coverage, probably because he was the third brother of a famous family. However, there were other reasons. He authored thousands of bills of which hundreds were passed even though he was a Liberal in winter. He worked both sides of the aisle. If he became close to a Republican he offered to become part of an advertisement saying how bad but effective this person was in the senate or house. Or, if the reverse was needed then he would do that. Of course he was very generous to his own party members.

Further, when someone in the house or senate lost a loved one, he sent flowers, but often went to their

homes and if Catholic gave a gift of rosary beads, and if of some other persuasion, he had something to give.

Finally, he stayed out of trouble and made many contacts for various causes and legislation. He finally found his True Compass, although he had to stumble to get on the path to end a very busy and resourceful life. Ron Powers is given acknowledgements to the final drafts. Many will enjoy this book in academia and in the general public.

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PRISTINE BULLET

JFK/ SUMMARY

On the MILITARY CHANNEL, 10/3/ 2011 FROM 10 CST-to MIDNIGHT the program was a review of nearly all the theories of more than one shooter. However, they did leave out that one bullet was discovered in the street that missed the limo entirely. This is one statement that I am not certain so I will dismiss. Further, there is another of some drunks that were behind the grassy knoll of which one was E. Howard Hunt. Again, that is not a certainty. Further, another source interviewed numerous individuals who were in the parade who years later recanted anonymously that they heard shots from the School Book Depository and the Grassy Knoll. This is also not covered, nor is it certain.

What is certain was on the show. The producers had to contradict their own findings.

First, as has happened before, a shooting experiment was replicated. One bullet went through JFK and also Governor Connelly.

This is the magic and pristine bullet.

Early documentaries show that the bullet was not perfect, but dented. It was still in rather good shape.

In the experiment, the bullet went through the JFK jelly firm, bone module. It passed this representation almost spot on from the earlier reports. However, the bullet did not go all the way through Connelly to reach its last location, his elbow. Further, the bullet was in very bad shaped compared to the pristine bullet. This would suggest that another interpretation might be viable.

Second, when evidence was given to a forensic pathologists without names and identities of the shootings. This top notch specialist, suggested that two shooters was much more likely than one. He was very surprised when he learned that this was an historical case. He started back tracking, but not by much.

The end of the show did not say therefore we still have significant questions, rather the voice over announcer indicated that nearly all the information was accurate and human interpretation will generally not always be absolutely subject to absolute agreement.

The pristine bullet was found on the stretcher of Governor Connelly.

RFK ASASSINATION/ ANOTHER STUDY

DISCOVERY CHANNEL (2005) RFK ASASSINATION/
UNSOLVE HISTORY, 6/23 10 PM, CST.

DISCOVERY CHANNEL rebuilt the kitchen to exact specifications of the hotel that he was shot in so many years ago. Kennedy was killed by 2 bullets that were shot within 2 inches of his head from the rear. Gun tattoo marks were made just behind his ear on the right side. All the other bullets hit 5 other people. One bullet supposedly hit ceiling and 2 bullets were embedded in a post in range of the gun shots.

Sirhan Sirhan had 8 bullets and thus there are problems with where did all the bullets come from? Using laser analysis, it would appear that Sirhan could not shoot Kennedy from 2 inches or so and leave the tattoo marks. Thus, what happened?

A security guard with the last name of Caesar shot two shells perhaps into Kennedy. He then quickly left the scene. He owned both a 22 caliber and 38 caliber pistols. He then left for the Philippines where at this writing he still is alive and living there.

FBI specialist Bailey said the bullets in the post were fresh and he saw them within the first 2 hours of the shooting. Police Chief Daryl Gates maintains that there is not a cover up because too many people were involved. The LAPD destroyed all evidence, pictures, and related.

DISCOVERY CHANNEL implied but did not state that the security guard probably killed Kennedy. Why he did so is discussed in another entry of SOCIALVIBES.NET/

TOM DELAY, THE HAMMER

Timulty, Karen(2005) Delay and Company TIME, 3/21, 28-31

Dubose, Lou & Jan Reid (2004) THE HAMMER, (New York: Public Affairs)

Tom Delay the majority whip appears to be in trouble for a number of reasons. However, most center on his fund raising. According to TIME magazine, the majority whip misused power perks, golfing trips, and luxury boxes in Washington.

In the Dubose& Reid book, they portray Delay as a party animal from Texas who became a born again Christian. As he sees Christianity, it is in concert with laissez faire capitalism. Although he has a great deal of money that he has raised, he generally lives frugally as one of the most powerful men in Washington. Even President Bush can not get legislation through without Delay's support.

The majority whips hordes money to dole out to Congressman that need it and they in turn give their loyalty to him. He is well known for giving money to close elections where a Republican candidate needs the just a little more money to go over the top.

Delay has changed Washington. The House of Representatives only meet a few days of each week and Delay uses test votes to see how much power his legislation can garner. Vice President Cheney makes a grand entrance about once a week.

Unlike Newt Gingrich who was highly visible and became vulnerable, Delay is always in the shadows and most Americans don't know him or his power. Dennis Hastert the majority leader is essentially a messenger for Delay.

If these latest scandals take on a life of their own, the majority whip may fall from power. However, he has orchestrated early meetings this year where Republicans forgave him for his political transgression, by dropping penalties and then reinstating them after his case was closed.

He originally started as a pest control businessmen and then moved into politics. His leadership is much disciplined and the authors at the end of the book described what he did to humiliate Rep. Jim Leach of Iowa. Leach voted as a moderate Republican and thus fell from favor of Delay. According to the authors, there are only a handful of moderate Republicans left. They receive the wrath of Tom Delay. You don't want to be his enemy.

Young, A. (2010) *The Politician*, New York, St. Martin's Press

This is an account of the rise and fall of vice presidential candidate for the Democratic Party in 2004 who also ran for president in 2008. The author is an aide to the candidate.

Andrew Young has both a BA degree and Law Degree. He really was uncomfortable speaking before groups of people and thus chose a different route as an assistant to a U.S. Senator John Edwards rather than the legal profession.

Young was a "body man" for the presidential candidate. This means that he is the supreme go-fer for the senator. Other books have outlined and described "advance men" "security" "speech writer" and others. As described in this book, the "body man" is the closest and most distant assist in the assembly of workers for the candidate. He holds very close conversations with the candidate as well as being part of the candidate's family. He is also the one who empties the trash and picks up a room before visitors come into a room.

Edwards was the American Dream. He came from very down home roots from a small town in the south to a household name who was a serious contender to run the largest power in the world. As much as he discussed his roots, he was ambivalent about them. Thus, he would

quickly shift to many different topics and try to acquire the persona. His small town and the death of one of their sons made the magic of great candidates, and yet life style of the rich were hard for him to master. However, on the campaign trail, he could he easily shift to an everyday person with special talents.

Candidates who have sex outside of marriage must work through various strategies to conduct this activity. Most use a highly expensive and exclusive escort service that delivers and returns the sex worker to place of origin.

Another strategy is to adopt an ongoing worker who hopefully has some task that they can do. They perform the task and provide sex services in unusual situations. Reille Hunter became that sex worker/photographer and web video producer. Not only did Edwards fall, but she was a very demanding and constantly increasing expensive worker.

She also got pregnant which is not what sex workers are supposed to do. As her demands increased, Edwards could rely on an individual who was a member of an old money wealthy family that traces their tremendous power back over the decades. Bunny Mellon was there all the time to bail him out of trouble. She expected that "alpha" males like John were adulterers. She saw it in other candidates and some members of her own family. Great men need a lot of sex.

As time went on the author became more and more involved with the candidate and pushed into unlawful behavior. This is the rub. He thought that by doing the right thing for a good candidate, he had become a patsy with a handsome man without much if any of a moral conscience.

Edwards was a quick study and could speak superficially on numerous topics. He was an excellent campaigner. His wife was one of the best and worst candidate's wife. Her demands to Young were exhausting. In one note, she literally asked him to arrange services to redecorate a room in the large expensive Edward's home. She also was thought to have terminal cancer.

At the end, Andrew Young and his wife were dumped from the group. He knew too much and Edwards was falling into a deep spiral. Young now was unemployed and needed money and a way to restart his career. His wife was employed, but he was not. He wrote the book for the details that he knew and for the money, and he says so at the beginning of *The Politician*.

This is another great book about the behind the scenes work done by numerous people who support the family of an important candidate.

It is like a political saga of some who run for a position in the White House. There is a load of compromises to get there and each who have

served in the capacity of president may prosper, but are humbled by the position.

THE DEMOCRATS STRATEGY FOR 2008?

Beinhart, Peter (2004) "What went wrong?" THE NEW REPUBLIC, 11/15, p. 6

Dunham, Richard (2004) "The world has changed, why can't the Dems?" BUSINESS WEEK, 11/15, p. 56-57.

The Democratic Party barely lost the presidency, but overwhelmingly lost the house and senate. What does the party need to do? Here is the following:

1. Indicate a more centrist and clear economic policy.
2. Have a security and terrorism approach that is clear and understandable.
3. Make affirmative action more broad based.
4. Give gay rights support up to civil commitments without supporting or opposing gay marriage.
5. Delete opposition to gun control.
6. Have a "big tent" to abortion. Reduce it by custom rather than law. Support ending late term abortions. Thus, abortions after first trimester or before are not supported unless it sullies the health of the mother. Support abortions of incest, rape, and related.
7. Choose someone like Clinton (without his personal history of womanizing) who can speak in earthy language and intertwine Bible references.
8. Be the party of Big New Ideas.
9. Tax the rich and give to the non-rich.
10. Roll back Bush's tax cuts to reduce outsourcing and temping.

It's tough teasing out the genetics and the environmental, but they now are both employed in the area of social sciences. In other words, WORD AND BIOLOGY intermingle and intermix to analyze a human. President George Bush was a puzzle. Was he slightly slow living by intuition with superficial knowledge of the complex or perhaps, he just wasn't interested because of the supposed browbeating from his father? If Bush is hard to define, so is Barack Hussein Obama. President Obama is friendly, very smart, and affable. However, you can only reach so far and he shuts down. That is the personality of one who plays on the outside bounds of numerous groups.

Born in America and living around the world, Obama is the first Black man to be president of the United States. That is quite a struggle, given that one-fourth of the presidents were slave-owners. Bi-racial know that Obama was nearly always in alien territory. He was the "outsider." Was he really black? In suitable terms, Obama is a Black Caucasian with tan skin and Caucasian features. His social dialect is mid-central. It is quite similar to a voice that you hear on nationwide programs.

Both biological parents had PhD's. Both were smart and charismatic. His mother poured all of her effort into her strikingly handsome and brilliant son. His grandparents on his mother's side took special interest in him. With his mother gone on assignments for the Ford foundation, he lived in Kansas, a state known for white bread folks and flatlands. He became "Barry" and he became president of the USA.

Though he won, the rebel yell with a midlands back up has not died. A vast coalition of highly organized and talented professional radio stars said in so many words that they will do what is necessary to destroy him. Another said that he was a racist. Conservative hate is more oblivious than Liberal hate which is tad bit more clever. However, in the midst of this, governing as a centrist, he got the cold winds filled anger from both Left and Right wing. Nor did he get a honeymoon.

Alter does not follow his first year by the month, rather by topic. What he describes is a man trying to implement legislation through a swampland of rented legislators fighting for their favorite rich sponsors.

The healthcare issue was the hardest, but he did it with the help of a number of groups that demanded a pay back. Both Bush 43' and Obama saved the big money lending banks that had screwed the world with their intricate financial instruments that whole countries purchased in the belief that they were legitimate. He was aghast when after these white collar psychopaths gave themselves a bonus after the government backed them. Here is a group that is the pinnacle of capitalism wanting bourgeoisie socialism. He had to save them because they were too big to fail, but they inched their way to perdition.

This is a bestselling books with insightful comments and introspective remarks and analysis. It is on electronic books and in print. It gives an overview of a country that has lost its way and wants you to pay for it. Prof. Joel Snell/ Kirkwood

VENTURA/ KENNEDY ASSASSINATION

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Ventura claims to find the answer relative to whom killed President Kennedy. After arguing with an historical scholar who claims that Oswald worked alone, Jesse maintains that he has material from the son of E. Howard Hunt (Watergate burglar) The son has a CD in which on his death bed made the following recording indicating that Hunt was dressed like a bum (homeless) with two others and was located behind the fence on the grassy knoll. The other two, Morales and Sturgis, of which one fired a rifle.

The three were caught and questioned. In a photograph of Hunt a look-a - like or Hunt was one of the bums. They were released. Hunt's recording is in custody with his son St. John.

Hunt and other burglars tried to rob the Watergate to get papers that would suggest that Nixon was part of the conspiracy.

Ventura indicates that those who know about conspiracies

and in these two in particular (Kennedy and Watergate) will recognize the pattern used by the CIA and the mob as well as others. It is basically that a fall guy (Oswald) kills and then is killed by Ruby

a low level associate. If Ruby talked, then in prison a confederate who does not know the reason or is given a phony reason kills Ruby. The Links to the killing are muted.

Ventura also claims that President Johnson, Nixon, Ford and Bush 41' knew the details. However, they may have had little to do the killing of president Kennedy.

This reviewer has no idea if this is true or not. One can see numerous other theories relative to the Kennedy assassination that are listed and described in Wikipedia.

EDITOR

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Wolfe, Richard (2009) *Renegade: the making of a president* New York: Crown Publishers 346

It all starts with a chaotic genealogy. Or. Should one say complex genealogy? The usual story line should run something like this. Barry Obama was born in Chicago to a single mother, worked his way through public schools and from there won a scholarship to a Ivy university and to the presidency. That is a nice neat category.

Here are Obama's categories. Born in Hawaii, he moved to Indonesia, from there to Kansas then California, New York and finally Illinois. His father is a Kenyan and a lapsed Muslim turned Agnostic. Father has PhD from prestige university in the states. The second father is partially Asian and the third "father" is his grandfather who is Caucasian. Mom is White and from Kansas. She earned her PhD from prestige university. She has worked at teaching and consulting at foundations. Barack through hard work and political skill became the first bi-racial black president of the USA.

And that is just the beginning of the story. Much of the first part of the book is a replay of Obama's first book *DREAMS OF MY FATHER*. Wolfe with a ton of worthwhile credentials has unearthed and recreated Teddy White's *THE MAKING OF THE PRESIDENT* 1960, 64, 68, and 72. That means that historical fact is generally accurate but there is a special political drama that adds to the first bi-racial Black president, just as White's first one was about a Roman Catholic who made it to the White house. Further, Wolfe shares some of Obama's struggle. Wolfe looked different than the other boys and girls in his elementary school. He is both English and Mediterranean and so there is a broad connection to the two.

We begin to see that Obama knows how to wrap organization around charisma. Thus, in my caucus, there were more Obama supporters than all the candidates supporters combined. It isn't Iowa, it is heaven. That's what was said in a classic movie. Half of the state is plains and the other half is great lakes. Iowa is held together by the west coast Missouri river and the east coast Mississippi. Obama won big and is on his way to the White House.

Well, no. Obama and Clinton fight it out for months. It is really a personality contest. They both believe about the same things. However, week after week, the cable news channels got to the point where they didn't trust any polls. What Clinton did was spend big on people who were thought to be A- listers. They ran an old campaign. Obama had hungry types who knew how to work the complex technology and a huge army of students and union workers.

Finally, Senator Clinton gracefully concedes. In the mean time other melodramas that could have been serious to another candidate did not undo Barack. By the time of the

run for the presidency, he was exhausted. However, he had a great team in place, the crash of October 2008 kept expanding and Senator McCain made some critical errors.

Where Barack was cautious, McCain appeared impulsive. He also chose a very attractive, charismatic candidate for vice-president that was not intellectually prepared by her handlers to speak the talk of Washington. She kept the red meat conservative base, but the elder McCain was edged out by Obama in the debates. McCain forgot how many houses and condos that he had, and had a cancer that was in remission and the man was old but strong.

By the time of the election, polls were all over the place, but an electoral avalanche was in the making. Obama ran on centrist issues and for the most part has continued to do so since taking office.

In taking office, and in Teddy White style Wolfie recalls the tears running down the face of Black folk like world known Oprah Winfrey and Jesse Jackson. If drama is back, so is the center-Left forces of America. However, this time around center -left is so more cautious and reasonable. Burn a flag and make non-negotiable demands and that will put the party back in obscurity for another 30 years.

This is one of those books that have become a best seller. If you read it, you will understand why sales are so good.

Perry, R. (2010) *Fed Up" Our Fight to Save America from Washington,*" New York: Little, Brown and Company, 220 pages.

Presidential candidate Rick Perry is FED UP.

As this is being written, Governor Rick Perry appears to be on his way to becoming the Republican nominee for President of the USA. His manifesto just released about 10 months ago outlines his vision of the future for America.

The basic premise is that an individual should have the right on his or her own to negotiate with a private corporation or a small store to get his own insurance, pension, job, and other economic activities without interference from consumer groups, collective bargaining, or government. Socially, an individual has the right for freedom of association to pick, choose, and work with people that s/he likes. The most profound aspect is that one has a right to pray in both public or private sector the prayer they want to say and where they want to say it. Further, the environment is subject to the rights of the owner of one's company or home. There are some exceptions, but if they are not the same as the above, they can move to another state.

The state is the answer. If you want to live up north in Massachusetts with the Kennedys, Barney Frank and married homosexuals, that's fine. Further, Massachusetts folks don't have to live in Texas. In Texas, you can feel the economic freedom and the enjoy the "Texas Miracle."

Throughout history, since the very beginning, there have been some well meaning, but faulty individuals who wanted to make the USA a far stretch from what our founders intended. In the 20th century, that man Franklin Delano Roosevelt tried to make America into a socialist like country. He has been followed by Liberals, Progressives, Collectivists and Statists. They championed Social Security, Medicare, and other welfare programs. What we need is a strong police force to defend our borders and a large tough military with state of the art weapons to defend freedom throughout the world.

Here, Perry emphasizes a theme that was popularized by Phyllis Schaffly in her *A Choice, Not An Echo* years ago in the Goldwater campaign. Perhaps, the worst are the secret Democrats, and they are Moderate Republicans. They just go along with the demise of America.

America is doing just fine. Washington is the problem. It should not be terminated, but we need a very limited government. We must preserve the 10th amendment (states' rights) and kill

the 16th (federal tax) 17th (senators not elected by citizens, but appointed by the Governor or state legislators.)

Perry then outlines programs for the Tea Party. This is a book that all Iowans should read as we have the first primary in the country. His book also tells of his many accomplishments, and he is a man who has great oratorical skills.

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Wolff, M. (2010). The man who owns the news, Inside the secret world of Rupert Murdoch, New York: Broadway Books, 456 pages.

After the Warren Buffet book hit the stands, readers particularly in business or related found that much of what has been said about the "Oracle of Obama" was true. The author Alice Schroeder was able to at times live with Buffett and it became a very personable biography.

Please remember that Buffet lives in a modest but well maintained middle class home (or upper middle class) house and was a good neighbor to a friend of this reviewer. He is also one of the richest men on the planet. Buffet's book was a success.

Wolff the author of this book had the good fortune to be hired by an assistant who worked for Murdoch. The hiring was on impulse. Further, Rupert Murdoch was expecting a book like the one written by Alice Schroeder on Warren Buffett. It was generally very revealing and won the hearts of readers all over the world. Murdoch was in a funk. He wanted to take over the Wall Street Journal

(which he did) and get some "good press." So, he was going to use the same strategy. However, he picked the wrong person to do a "puff" piece. The author was given permission to interview numerous friends and family. However, Buffet and Murdoch are not the same kind of people. Murdoch, after reading the galley on the first four chapters, wanted to stop the project. By then it was too late.

The galleys or unpublished manuscripts were a disaster. Murdoch was described by even his most intimate friends as a cut throat agitator in the market place. He could not stop the project, but did cut the funds. On the other hand, the publisher found a gold mine for a resource against a not so human named Murdoch.

Now with his third wife, Rupert Murdoch is described as a vicious competitor. He will go broke or overpay to destroy an opponent. He is an old man with orange hair and rumpled skin who is sitting alone at a party. He is a hardnosed Conservative, now surrounded by Liberals. That is the making due to the influence of his wife, Wendi. He hails from a newspaper family in Australia. He knows how to make his newspapers sell. On page 3 of one of his periodicals will have a half page devoted to daintily clad young women. This is tabloid.

He lives on chaos. If he is happy, it is hard to tell. Without a medical diagnosis, it still appears that he is an anti-social personality. He is only unhappy when he does not control a situation. Further, he runs many profitable corporations. The workers are paid cheaply. Checking on sources does not necessarily occur, and he can make things appear to be true when they are not. He hypes a story. On television, he will add material from the past and make something appear more than it is.

It is boilerplate tabloid. He owns Fox News. It is a very successful, hard right news station, and he can capture an audience and ratings on the cheap. Fans are hard core and happy to hear something with a "fair and balanced" hard right news feeling.

Many will come on a Fox show like Hannity and will be beaten up. They really should have known better, so it is their fault. Murdoch generally leaves the management to Roger Ailes, who grew up on television production and worked for Republican candidates years ago. Nobody-messes with Ailes, and that includes Murdoch. Further, Rupert

Murdoch does not know television like Ailes does. However, ownership belongs to Murdoch.

Murdoch, and the advent of the Internet, have inadvertently joined together to change news to Rock Music and in-your-face interviews. Graphics, graphics, graphics is the focus of this kind of news system. It not only angers, but it entertains. Fox News has Fox fans. They take pride in watching something not covered on the other stations, but perhaps covered simultaneously on the Internet or Twitter, and Fox. The competing channels like MSNBC are changing too, but not like Fox. If you dare mess with Murdoch, he *will show no human kindness*.

He can start false rumors and ruin candidates who are not as conservative as he. Ironically, he should leave a hunk of change to his extended family because, on the whole, they are Liberals. What is a man to do? While he is alive, there are new territories and other dragons to slay. He is not only hard charging but is without mercy.

Some of the grand old newspapers of the past are now dying or dead. In part, that should be attributed to Murdoch and the Bishops of Cable and

the Internet. Regardless of how one feels about Murdoch, you probably should get to know him and those like him by reading this book. It is a good read, because it is a generational saga about an Australian family fighting to the top both in the UK and the USA. There are hard fought battles of which Murdoch may lose, but generally wins.

To Murdoch's chagrin, the author is a talent. He is a columnist for Vanity Fair, two time winner of the National Magazine Award, as well as a commentator on CNBC. This review comes from the paperback edition. The characterizations of Murdoch and others come from Wolff.

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BLACK PRESIDENTS

When you look at the pictures of all the presidents, you see all white males. At least, they look white. If you use the standard one drop methodology of race used still in many parts of the United States, then some presidents may be black.

E.R. Shipp (2004) of the NEW YORK DAILY NEWS in her 'Kerry gives the melting pot a stir' notes that Kerry is Catholic, but is really Jewish. It is a long story left for another time, but roots do matter. Shipp states "I hate to burst bubbles, but according to research by late historian J.A. Rogers, five presidents have documentable black roots."

Race also matters.

One would want to state this cautiously. So, go to your favorite search engine and key in J.A. ROGERS FIVE BLACK PRESIDENTS. The author of the site and reviewer of Roger's book indicates the following. Jefferson, Jackson, Lincoln, Harding and Coolidge were black. There are suggestions that there may be other black presidents, but this should suffice. Make your own judgment.

MIXEDFOLKS.COM is another site that suggests so many individuals who have an outward white appearance and yet are partially something other than white do so to stay in the public spotlight and keep their jobs. There is also a section on politicians.

SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN (2003) suggests these folks are not alone. They are all around us. There are black people in white skins. Let's call them white Africans. With one drop or more, about 22% of whites are black.

If you do some number crunching, you find that there are more white Africans than there are black people. To complicate matters even further, most black people have white heritage. Remember Strom Thurmond's first child? She was bi-racial. While alive, Senator Thurmond never mentioned her publicly. At any rate, a lot of black people have black skins but white heritage.

At any rate, it is not likely that you will see an American history book for K-12 or even college and university level mention the above.

During the birthdays of some of these black presidents, one may want to write a letter to the editor of the local paper mentioning the race issue. If you really want to be cautious, write a letter on Harding's birthday. Of all the black presidents, he is the one with the most information supporting his racial heritage.

At any rate, after the Shipp article was published in the author's newspaper, I sent a letter.

It didn't get published.

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EIGHT BLACK PRESIDENTS: SPECULATIVE HISTORY

INTRODUCTION:

On the margins of history are personal accounts of presidents that may not make history books or textbooks. The author wants to present printed, but not necessarily authenticated backgrounds of 8 presidents with allegedly African ancestry. Unfortunately, race matters. This account deals with males of white appearance in the Oval office.

They may have trace ancestry, or be octoroons, quadroons, or bi-racial, or they may be white. Although the “one drop” measure is slowly dying, it is not dead. What does it matter that a person is white on the outside but is partially black on the inside? It really should not matter, but it does. “Passing” is still pervasive today.

This article is written to discover from interested historical researchers the race of eight presidents that have been mentioned as having Black ancestry. Others are invited to do the necessary historiography to validate or dismiss the ancestry of these individuals. Incidentally, this does not cover Asian, Native Americans, or other non-African minorities. It is “blackness” that in common vernacular impacts the most on the individual. One only needs to talk with visibly black people about color and African features to test the above statement.

DISCUSSION:

The following have been indicated by others as having African heritage.

1. THOMAS JEFFERSON- bi-racial father (Vaughn, 2004.)
2. ANDREW JACKSON-black father, brother sold into slavery (Vaughn, 2004.)
3. ABRAHAM LINCOLN- illegitimate son of black father, mother had trace black ancestry.(Vaughn,2004)
4. WARREN HARDING- both parents had mixed African ancestry. (Vaughn, 2004.)
5. CALVIN COOLIDGE- mother was African and Indian(Vaughn, 2004)
6. DWIGHT EISENHOWER-maternal grandfather was black (Blair, 2004.)
7. GEORGE H.W. BUSH- distant cousin to Scottish African-American Colin Powell (secretary of state in 1st administration of George W. Bush.) (msn.ancestry.com) He is also a distant relative to Abraham Lincoln and Calvin Coolidge (gallopade.com.) See# 3 and #5. Further, Murrah (2000) suggests that Melungeons are a mixed race of possible Indian/African/ Caucasian ancestry in New England freely married whites. This would apply to Princess Pocahontas and John Rolfe who are in George Bush’s ancestry. However, the author does NOT suggest that that this fact. Rather, that it suggests that one-drop could apply to both Bushes.
8. GEORGE W. BUSH-see #7.

CONCLUSION:

Is the above correct? Now is the time to do the necessary research. This is particularly true when so many are now coming forward to talk about their mental health, sexual orientation, and other areas not part of public discussion in the past.

This article has been a review of the possible racial backgrounds of 8 presidents of the United States.

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ADDENDUM:

The interest in this issue arises from the onset of the campaign for president by Senator Barack Obama *of Illinois, now President of the United States.. The author wants to state as clearly as possible that when something is published such as the references above, this

does not make the subject being studied true. This is why the “speculative history” is used. The reader is encouraged to do their own research in this area. Caveats and apologies should be noted if a source is wrong. Any contrary material should be brought to the public’s attention.

Lavoie,D. (2008:4/15) news.yahoo.com/s/20080325/ap_on_el_pr/candidates_genealogy

*Since this original report, the New England Historic Genealogical Society has traced Obama as a relative to George W. Bush, George H.W. Bush, Gerald Ford, Lyndon Johnson, Harry S. Truman, and James Madison. Other cousins include Dick Cheney, Sir Winston Churchill, and Robert E. Lee.

MICHELE OBAMA'S HERITAGE

From the NEW YORK TIMES (2009:10-6)

MICHELE OBAMA'S lineage indicates that she is 5 generations away from slavery and is a "Black Caucasian" (Black on the outside and partially white on the inside.) This is the same as her husband, although his bi-racialness is closer to his own birth as his mom was White.

This mix and description is really more common place than one would think.

According to SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN (2003: 10/23/ 33) 70% of Blacks are really Black Caucasian having White ancestry and 21% of Whites

are generally White Africans (black on the inside and white on the outside) White Africans are larger in number than Black Africans. In large extended families of

Black people it is not uncommon to talk about "white cousins" and "black cousins" depending on their outward appearance. According to Porter

1991 in COLOR QUICK, roughly 10, 000 black folk "pass" into white hood in any one year. Your friends and neighbors may be that genetic

mix. They all join biologically with their connection with the Obamas (Snell, College Student Journal, (2008) 6/ 479-480.)

CONCLUSION/ POLITICOS: IN THE POLITICAL AND SOCIAL SYSTEM

As a small independent publisher, portions of the book had to be less than a finished appearance to provide a small book that can be read without cost. Thus, it takes on the quality of a rough draft. This is the first edition of POLITICO books. This #1 edition is about individuals who in the last 50 years or so, did something that warranted publication here or elsewhere and was transferred back to this book.

Further, many of the stories are found in faraway places and Socialvibes wanted to bring them together. Not many know about the near assassination of Richard Nixon. Some of the material is older, but much has been published in the last few years.

Socialvibes will now cover how various groups compete, struggle, and work together to fight for various issues. It should be out much later this year or early next year. Thanks for stopping by.
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